

**LEGAL NOTICE  
TOWN OF WINDHAM, NH  
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

The Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing on the proposed Town Budget and Warrant for 2020 on Monday, **January 6, 2020 at 7:00 pm** at the Community Development Department, in accordance with RSA 32. A second hearing, if necessary, will be held on Tuesday, January 21, 2020 at 7:00 pm, at the Town Hall. The proposed budget figures are as follows:

General Government	\$ 2,705,815.00
Public Safety	\$ 8,390,610.00
Highways, Streets and Bridges	\$ 1,176,750.00
Sanitation	\$ 1,244,600.00
Health and Human Services	\$ 50,475.00
Welfare	\$ 45,540.00
Culture and Recreation	\$ 1,691,755.00
Debt Service	\$ 429,589.45
Capital Outlay - Roads	<u>\$ 300,000.00</u>
Total Proposed Budget	<u>\$16,035,134.45</u>

*Note that the Default Budget for 2020 would be \$15,711,529.45*

The Selectmen will also address all Petition and Special Warrant Articles including those appearing below:

(1)	\$ 9,500,000	For the purpose of designing and constructing a main water line from Route 111 / Range Road westerly along Route 111 to Ledge Road. The funding for this project would come from \$3,163,500 in grants and/or private contributions with the balance of \$6,336,500 to be funded with a 20-30 year bond with estimated annual payments of \$356,555 - \$427,000 based on current interest trends. It is anticipated that the bond payments will be partially supported by user fees and connection fees. The article would be null and void if the grants or contributions are not received.
(3)	\$ 300,000	For the purpose of making repairs to the Tower of the Searles Building. The project would be funded with a 12-15 year bond with estimated annual payments of \$24,280 - \$28,870. Note that a portion of each annual payment is anticipated to be funded from the Searles Revenue Fund.
(2)	\$ 180,000	For the purpose of making improvements to approximately 1500' of the Windham Rail Trail. The funding for this project would come from \$50,000 to be withdrawn from the existing Windham Rail Trail Capital Reserve Fund, \$80,000 bonded over two (2) years with estimated annual payments of \$41,270 based on current interest trends, and the balance of \$50,000 from the 2020 budget. This appropriation is part of the recommended Capital Improvement Plan
(5)	\$ 75,000	To add to our Property Maintenance Trust.
(6)	\$ 32,500	For Searles School Marketing and Maintenance. Funding to come from Searles Revenue Fund. Article has no additional impact on Tax Rate.
(7)	\$ 29,220	To fund the first year of a new three year contract with the Municipal Union from 2020-2023. The added cost for 2021 to be \$45,030, in 2022 \$36,630, and in 2023 \$11,950. The contract will expire on March 31, 2023.

(8)	\$ 63,790	To fund the first year of a new three year contract with the Fire Union from 2020-2023. The added cost for 2021 to be \$73,540, in 2022 \$72,150, and in 2023 \$17,960. The contract will expire on March 31, 2023.
(9)	\$ 56,150	To fund the first year of a new three year contract with the Police Union from 2020-2023. The added cost for 2021 to be \$67,860, in 2022 \$65,890, and in 2023 \$15,560. The contract will expire on March 31, 2023.
	\$ -	To authorize the Board of Selectmen to call a special town meeting to vote on the cost related items contained in any of the three Union contracts should they be defeated at the Annual Town Meeting
(10)	\$ 93,770	For the purpose of paying the second payment of a three year lease taken out in 2019 for a new Ambulance. This appropriation is part of the recommended Capital Improvements Plan.
(11)	\$ 65,000	For the purpose of re-shingling the Police Station Roof. This appropriation is part of the recommended Capital Improvement Plan
(12)	\$ 50,000	For the purpose of making improvements associated with part of the Phase One of the Town Common Beautification Project. This appropriation is part of the recommended Capital Improvement Plan
	\$ -	To see if the town will adopt the provisions of RSA 162-K relative to "Municipal Economic Development and Revitalization Districts", which would authorize the town to establish such districts.
	\$ -	To vote, as allowed by RSA 31:95-c, to restrict 100% of the revenues from income derived from <i>collection of water source demand charges (MSDC) from water line users</i> to expenditures for the purpose of <i>paying the bond payments associated with the purchase of the towns allotment of gallons of water from the City of Manchester associated with the Regional Water Line</i> .
(13)	\$ -	To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen to enter into a lease with the Town of Salem for the use of a parcel of land off of Northland Road for the location of a Pump House associated with Regional Water Line along Route 28. The lease is anticipated to be an initial 25 years with up to two (2) additional 25 years renewable terms at the discretion of the Board of Selectmen.
	\$ -	To see if the town will modify the Tax Credit for Service-Connected Total Disability from property tax from \$2,000 to \$4,000.
	\$ -	By Petition - to see if the town will vote to remove restrictions placed on lot 16-P-1004 (13 Third Street) and two abutting lots 16-P-501 and 16-P-502 placed there by the town at the time the lots were sold by the town. The restrictions prohibit building of any structure on the parcels.

**\$ 10,445,430 Subtotal Special Articles**

	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>\$ Inc/(Dec)</b>	<b>% Inc/(Dec)</b>
Operating Budget	\$ 16,035,134.45	\$ 15,034,018.86		
Special Articles	\$ 10,445,430.00	\$ 3,532,970.00		
Gross Appropriation	\$ 26,480,564.45	\$ 18,566,988.86	\$ 7,913,575.59	42.622%
Less: Revenues	\$ (9,962,500.00)	\$ (3,159,166.00)		
<b>Total Budget (Net)</b>	<b>\$ 16,518,064.45</b>	<b>\$ 15,407,822.86</b>	<b>\$ 1,110,241.59</b>	<b>7.206%</b>

As exhibited above, if all special articles are approved (total \$10,445,430), the gross appropriation will increase by \$7,913,575.59 or 42.622% over 2019. The total gross budget for 2020 would then be \$26,480,564.45 before use of other revenue sources.

The 2020 net budget, on which the tax rate is set, would be \$16,518,064.45 which represents a total budget increase of \$1,110,241.59, or 7.206% after taking into account the use of \$32,500 from the Searles Trust for marketing and maintenance costs, \$6,336,500 from Bond Proceeds and \$3,163,500 from Grants and Private Donations for installing a Water Line, \$80,000 from Bond Proceeds and \$50,000 from use of Capital Reserve Funds for Rail Trail Improvements, and \$300,000 in Bond proceeds for Searles Building Tower Improvements. Total of \$9,962,500.

**Posted December 24, 2019**

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